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Ms. Cheri Benedict is IARPA's deputy director for operations. Before joining IARPA in January 2019, Ms. Benedict was a program manager for ODNI's Acquisition, Procurement, and Facilities directorate from 2015 to 2019 and established IC common contract-related enterprise licensing agreements with commercial IT vendors. From 2010 to 2015, Cheri served in various ODNI roles in the IC Chief Information Office. These roles included overall IC IT budget lead to the Office of Management and Budget, IC IT enterprise management, IC-wide cloud computing studies, and counterintelligence or DoD mission-focused support. Before entering federal service, she worked in various government contracting firms consulting on IT modernization issues. She also served in the U.S. Army from 1995 to 2006, with numerous assignments as a signal officer. Ms. Benedict holds a master's degree in information and telecommunications systems from the University of Virginia, and a bachelor's degree in systems engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. She is a Wisconsin native and now resides in Bethesda, MD, with her husband and three children.

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